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SUBJECT: TURKISH BOP CONSULTATIONS

REFS: (A) ANKARA 2962, (B) GENEVA 1661, (C) GENEVA 1889

WE APPRECIATE RECENT TURKISH STEPS TO LIBERALIZE ITS IMPORT
REGIME AND REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS AND THEREFORE
WISH TO BE FORTHCOMING IN PENDING BOP CONSULTATIONS AND
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REQUEST FOR STAMP TAX WAIVER EXTENSION IN PARTICULAR. ON OTHER HAND, CURRENT STRONG TURKISH BOP PICTURE PROVIDES OPTIMAL SETTING TO PUSH FOR FURTHER LIBERALIZATION. TSC AGENCIES HAVE APPROVED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE.

US POSITION:

A. DELEGATE SHOULD COMMEND RECENT TURKISH REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF STAMP TAX AND SOME QR DISCRIMINATION. HE SHOULD URGE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO REMOVE COMPLETELY RESIDUAL DISCRIMINATION AND TO FURTHER LIBERALIZE IMPORTS GENERALLY. IN OUR VIEW THIS COULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DROPPING REMAINING DISCRIMINATORY QRS, WHICH SHOULD NOT AFFECT BOP SINCE ANTICIPATED TRADE EFFECT MINIMAL.

B. DELEGATE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT CONTINUED TRANSFER OF IMPORTS TO LIBERALIZED LIST PARI PASSU WITH IMPROVED BOP PROSPECTS IS REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF TURKEY'S TRADING PARTNERS. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND LEVEL OF RESERVES IN RELATION TO IMPORTS ARE THE MOST APPROPRIATE CRITERIA FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND INDICATE THAT FURTHER LIBERALIZATION NOW FEASIBLE. THE IMPORTATION OF SOME COMPETATIVE CONSUMER GOODS COULD ALSO ASSIST TURKEY IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONTROL DOMESTIC INFLATION, AND IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY.

C. SINCE REMOVAL OF TRADE DISCRIMINATION IS PRIME US OBJECTIVE AND STAMP TAX IS NOT IN REALITY THE LIMITING FACTOR ON IMPORTS, DELEGATE MAY AGREE TO WAIVER EXTENSION. DELEGATE SHOULD SEEK, HOWEVER, AGREEMENT OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS FOR SHORTER THAN 5 YEAR EXTENSION AND/ OR MID- TERM REVIEW SUGGESTED REF C. OUR SUPPORT IS CONDITIONED ON CONTINUATION OF NON- DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION AND WE WOULD LIKE SOME REFERENCE TO THIS IN WAIVER REPORT. ROGERS

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